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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH KING -- B.P. KOIRALA'S FUTURE

REF: KATHMANDU 1670, STATE 054094, C) STATE 065057,  
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1. EARLY IN MY MEETING WITH KING MARCH 28 I CONVEYED TO HIM ORAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER (STATE 54094) REGARDING KING'S DECISION TO RELEASE B.P. KOIRALA FOR MEDICAL REASONS. IN ADDITION, TO FURTHER CANDID RELATIONSHIP WHICH I AM TRYING TO DEVELOPE WITH KING, I GAVE HIM SUBSTANCE OF MEDICAL REPORTS FROM NEW YORK REGARDING KOIRALA'S CONDITION AND HIS OPERATION (STATE 64057 AND 72648).

2. ON BASIS OF THESE MEDICAL REPORTS, I SAID IT SEEMED REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT KOIRALA WOULD BE IN HOSPITAL OR OUT OF COMMISSION FOR SOME TIME TO COME. HOWEVER, HE WAS A HARD MAN TO KEEP DOWN NO MATTER WHAT HIS MEDICAL CONDITION MIGHT BE; HE ALSO HAS FRIENDS IN US WHO ARE INTERESTED IN ADVANCING HIS CAUSE EVEN THOUGH IT IS NOT ALWAYS CLEAR WHETHER THEY ARE ACTING AT KOIRALA'S REQUEST OR ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE.

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3. QUESTION THEREFORE ARISES HOW U.S. SHOULD REACT TO EFFORTS BY KOIRALA'S SPONSORS TO HAVE HIM RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON AT WHITE HOUSE OR BY RANKING U.S. OFFICIAL. KEEPING IN MIND THAT THERE WERE TWO CRIMINAL CHARGES OUTSTANDING AND THAT KOIRALA STILL HAD COMMITMENT TO RETURN TO NEPAL TO FACE THESE CHARGES, DID KING HAVE ANY VIEWS ON SITUATION WHICH I SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IN MAKING MY RECOMMENDATIONS TO

WASHINGTON ON HOW WE SHOULD HANDLE HIM IN U.S. AFTER  
HIS MEDICAL RECOVERY?

4. KING AVOIDED ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION BUT WENT ON TO  
COMMENT OF HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH KOIRALA AND POSSIBLE  
FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING KOIRALA'S STATUS IN NEPAL.  
KING SAID THAT HE HAD MADE CLEAR TO KOIRALA BEFORE  
HIS FIRST MEDICAL TRIP TO U.S. LAST YEAR THAT HE INSISTED ON  
TWO CONDITIONS WHICH KOIRALA MUST MEET IF HE WISHED TO  
RESUME POLITICAL ACTIVITIES IN NEPAL. FIRST, HE HAD  
TO ACCEPT MONARCHY AS AN INSTITUTION AND KING AS  
ACTIVE SOVEREIGN IN MANAGEMENT OF NATION' AFFAIRS.  
SECONDLY, HE HAD TO ACCEPT BASIC PRINCIPLES OF PANCHAYAT  
PARTYLESS SYSTEM. KING ADDED THIS WAS NOT A RIGID  
SYSTEM. KOIRALA COULD FIND PLENTY OF ROOM TO MANEUVER  
IF HE ACCEPTED THIS CONDITION.

5. KING SAID HE WAS REASONABLY OPTIMISTIC THAT HE COULD  
WORK OUT AN ACCOMMODATION WITH KOIRALA. PROBLEM WAS THAT  
KOIRALA WAS LEADER OF POLITICAL GROUP WHICH INCLUDED RADICALS  
WHO WERE OPPOSED TO THESE CONDITIONS AND KING WAS NOT SURE  
KOIRALA COULD ENFORCE HIS VIEWS ON THEM. KOIRALA MIGHT THUS BE  
FACED WITH DILEMMA OF GOING ALONG WITH KING OR WITH HIS OWN  
GROUP. IF HE CHOSE LATTER ROUTE THERE WOULD BE IMPASSE AND  
PROBLEMS.

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6. IN IMPLICIT REFERENCE TO MY QUESTION ABOUT B.P.'S  
ACTIVITIES IN U.S., KING ADDED HE HOPED THAT KOIRALA WOULD NOT  
RETURN TO NEPAL AFTER HIS MEDICAL TREATMENT WITH INFLATED  
IDEA OF HIS OWN IMPORTANCE OR OF FOREIGN SUPPORT FOR HIM.  
KING OBSERVED THAT KOIRALA IS HEADSTRONG AND IF HE  
RETURNED IN THIS MOOD PROSPECTS OF ACCOMMODATION WOULD BE  
DIMINISHED.  
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